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Abstract

This study is about the struggle in our society between industrialism and environmentalism. Environmentalists point out the industrialism is destroying the environment at a rapid pace. Industrialists believe that environmentalism would push businesses out of the country and therefore hurt the economy. Studies like this are important because in a developing world such as this we must know where we *want* to be and where we *are* right now.

Interesting Facts

- We are losing 170 billion square meters of forestry worldwide every year.
- The air pollution in northern China is well beyond what is considered hazardous and is making people ill.
- The ocean has become 30% more acidic since the start of the Industrial Revolution and is predicted to be 150% more acidic by 2050.



Conclusion

I found many shocking articles about the effects of industrialism on the environment. I knew we were harmful, but our damage is far worse than I thought it would be. It was shocking. That was not the only surprising thing. I ran into multiple pro-industrialism articles that had very good points against environmentalism. Both sides may have compelling arguments, but we need to decide which direction we want to go because time is running out for our planet.

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